

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at p. 5, lines 12-20 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Where the optically clear lens element is an ophthalmic lens element, the ophthalmic lenses may be formed from a variety of different lens materials, and particularly from a number of different polymeric plastic resins. A common ophthalmic lens material is diethylene glycol bis (allyl carbonate). Lens materials with higher refractive indices are now growing in popularity. One such material is a CR39® (PPG Industries). Other high index lens materials are based on acrylic or allylic versions of bisphenols or allyl phthalates and the like. Other examples of lens materials that may be suitable for use with the invention include other acrylics, other allylics, styrenics, polycarbonates, vinylics, polyesters and the like.

Please replace the paragraph at p. 9, lines 22-25 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The secondary abrasion resistant coating may be applied to the front and/or rear lens surfaces. The abrasion resistant coating may be of the type described in United States Patent 4,954,591 ~~to the Applicants~~, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at p. 10, lines 7-10 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The optical article may be a sunglass lens of the wrap-around or visor type, for example of the type described in ~~International Patent Application~~

~~PCT/AU97/00188 "Improved Single Vision Lens" to Applicants~~ U.S. Patent 6,361,166, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraphs at p. 11, lines 15-23 of the specification with the following amended paragraphs:

In accordance with said method, the various layers of the light absorbing coating may be deposited in ~~subsequent~~ subsequent steps utilising a vacuum evaporation technique and exposing the growing layers to a bombardment of a beam of ions of inert gas.

Moreover, in accordance with the preferred method, the deposition of the layers may be achieved at a low temperature (generally below 80°C), using an ion beam having a medium intensity (meaning the average number of ions that reach the substrate) included ~~between~~ between approximately 30 and 100 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$ and the energy included between approximately 50 and 100 eV.

Please replace the paragraph at p. 13, lines 26-28 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The laminate optical article may be fabricated in a manner similar to that described in ~~International Patent Application PCT/AU96/00805, "Laminate Article", to Applicants~~ U.S. Patent 6,256,152, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.